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## **Consumer Price Index, Los Angeles area — February 2022**

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Month	All items	All items less food and energy
Feb 2019 .....	2.5	2.8
Mar 2019 .....	2.7	2.8
Apr 2019 .....	3.3	3.1
May 2019 .....	3.1	2.9
Jun 2019 .....	3.3	3.5
Jul 2019 .....	3.3	3.4
Aug 2019 .....	3.0	3.4
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Oct 2019 .....	3.2	2.8
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Nov 2020 .....	1.0	1.5
Dec 2020 .....	1.5	1.5
Jan 2021 .....	0.9	0.6
Feb 2021 .....	1.0	0.3
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May 2021 .....	3.9	2.1
Jun 2021 .....	4.0	2.3
Jul 2021 .....	3.9	2.3
Aug 2021 .....	4.0	2.3
Sep 2021 .....	4.6	3.0
Oct 2021 .....	5.4	3.4
Nov 2021 .....	6.0	3.6
Dec 2021 .....	6.6	4.4
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<b>Cereals and bakery products</b>		290.078	296.314	302.848	9.1	4.4	2.2
<b>Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs</b>		325.629	324.129	325.612	8.7	0.0	0.5
<b>Dairy and related products</b>		271.117	275.517	275.947	5.5	1.8	0.2
<b>Fruits and vegetables</b>		394.158	402.157	404.906	11.4	2.7	0.7
<b>Nonalcoholic beverages and beverage materials(1)</b>		279.831	283.566	282.701	2.5	1.0	-0.3
<b>Other food at home</b>		218.448	215.473	222.709	9.4	2.0	3.4
<b>Food away from home</b>		312.385	315.065	312.864	6.1	0.2	-0.7
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>		265.933	274.133	275.374	5.6	3.6	0.5
<b>Housing</b>		339.010	342.609	343.245	5.3	1.2	0.2
<b>Shelter</b>		386.939	389.034	389.980	3.8	0.8	0.2
<b>Rent of primary residence(2)</b>		410.109	412.811	413.909	3.2	0.9	0.3
<b>Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3)</b>		400.507	402.343	403.608	2.9	0.8	0.3
<b>Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2)</b>		400.484	402.320	403.585	2.9	0.8	0.3
<b>Fuels and utilities</b>		410.184	431.190	419.106	12.5	2.2	-2.8
<b>Household energy</b>		362.899	388.036	373.176	14.6	2.8	-3.8
<b>Energy services(2)</b>		361.304	386.330	371.495	14.6	2.8	-3.8
<b>Electricity(2)</b>		417.018	431.726	431.726	13.3	3.5	0.0
<b>Utility (piped) gas service(2)</b>		295.370	341.285	298.413	19.1	1.0	-12.6
<b>Household furnishings and operations</b>		128.061	131.153	134.455	14.4	5.0	2.5
<b>Apparel</b>		111.021	114.876	117.926	9.9	6.2	2.7

<b>Transportation</b>		245.065	248.434	250.475	18.4	2.2	0.8
<b>Private transportation</b>		248.342	251.853	254.166	19.1	2.3	0.9
<b>New and used motor vehicles(4)</b>		104.756	107.658	108.029	16.7	3.1	0.3
<b>New vehicles(1)</b>		187.780	192.298	192.755	11.9	2.6	0.2
<b>Used cars and trucks(1)</b>		389.596	394.543	398.415	39.0	2.3	1.0
<b>Motor fuel</b>		352.368	351.849	359.445	32.9	2.0	2.2
<b>Gasoline (all types)</b>		344.224	343.793	351.114	32.9	2.0	2.1
<b>Gasoline, unleaded regular(4)</b>		345.072	344.611	352.034	33.5	2.0	2.2
<b>Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5)</b>		329.435	328.910	335.663	31.6	1.9	2.1
<b>Gasoline, unleaded premium(4)</b>		328.944	328.661	335.327	31.0	1.9	2.0
<b>Medical care</b>		519.176	528.168	537.117	5.9	3.5	1.7
<b>Recreation(6)</b>		113.477	115.722	115.548	12.9	1.8	-0.2
<b>Education and communication(6)</b>		154.360	154.764	152.117	1.5	-1.5	-1.7
<b>Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1)</b>		2,080.565	2,080.565	2,080.565	8.9	0.0	0.0
<b>Other goods and services</b>		480.834	475.003	471.452	1.0	-2.0	-0.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
<b>All items</b>		297.925	301.209	302.164	7.4	1.4	0.3
<b>Commodities</b>		205.130	207.749	209.458	11.4	2.1	0.8
<b>Commodities less food &amp; beverages</b>		156.057	158.618	160.431	15.3	2.8	1.1
<b>Nondurables less food &amp; beverages</b>		212.342	214.620	218.087	15.8	2.7	1.6
<b>Durables</b>		101.692	104.066	104.662	14.6	2.9	0.6
<b>Services</b>		379.713	383.558	383.772	5.3	1.1	0.1

## Special aggregate indexes

All items less medical care		288.165	291.214	291.852	7.5	1.3	0.2
All items less shelter		258.528	262.356	263.316	9.8	1.9	0.4
Commodities less food		160.987	163.729	165.550	14.7	2.8	1.1
Nondurables		257.565	259.920	262.283	10.6	1.8	0.9
Nondurables less food		218.394	221.071	224.443	14.7	2.8	1.5
Services less rent of shelter <sup>(3)</sup>		379.432	386.007	385.112	7.7	1.5	-0.2
Services less medical care services		366.499	369.899	369.433	5.3	0.8	-0.1
Energy		358.625	368.430	367.030	25.7	2.3	-0.4
All items less energy		296.222	299.135	300.237	6.1	1.4	0.4
All items less food and energy		295.428	298.501	299.588	5.9	1.4	0.4

### Footnotes

(1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(3) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

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- Data not available

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<b>Rent of primary residence(2)</b>		410.109	412.811	413.909	3.2	0.9	0.3
<b>Owners' equiv. rent of residences(2)(3)</b>		400.507	402.343	403.608	2.9	0.8	0.3
<b>Owners' equiv. rent of primary residence(1)(2)</b>		400.484	402.320	403.585	2.9	0.8	0.3
<b>Fuels and utilities</b>		410.184	431.190	419.106	12.5	2.2	-2.8
<b>Household energy</b>		362.899	388.036	373.176	14.6	2.8	-3.8
<b>Energy services(2)</b>		361.304	386.330	371.495	14.6	2.8	-3.8
<b>Electricity(2)</b>		417.018	431.726	431.726	13.3	3.5	0.0
<b>Utility (piped) gas service(2)</b>		295.370	341.285	298.413	19.1	1.0	-12.6
<b>Household furnishings and operations</b>		128.061	131.153	134.455	14.4	5.0	2.5
<b>Apparel</b>		111.021	114.876	117.926	9.9	6.2	2.7

<b>Transportation</b>		245.065	248.434	250.475	18.4	2.2	0.8
<b>Private transportation</b>		248.342	251.853	254.166	19.1	2.3	0.9
<b>New and used motor vehicles(4)</b>		104.756	107.658	108.029	16.7	3.1	0.3
<b>New vehicles(1)</b>		187.780	192.298	192.755	11.9	2.6	0.2
<b>Used cars and trucks(1)</b>		389.596	394.543	398.415	39.0	2.3	1.0
<b>Motor fuel</b>		352.368	351.849	359.445	32.9	2.0	2.2
<b>Gasoline (all types)</b>		344.224	343.793	351.114	32.9	2.0	2.1
<b>Gasoline, unleaded regular(4)</b>		345.072	344.611	352.034	33.5	2.0	2.2
<b>Gasoline, unleaded midgrade(4)(5)</b>		329.435	328.910	335.663	31.6	1.9	2.1
<b>Gasoline, unleaded premium(4)</b>		328.944	328.661	335.327	31.0	1.9	2.0
<b>Medical care</b>		519.176	528.168	537.117	5.9	3.5	1.7
<b>Recreation(6)</b>		113.477	115.722	115.548	12.9	1.8	-0.2
<b>Education and communication(6)</b>		154.360	154.764	152.117	1.5	-1.5	-1.7
<b>Tuition, other school fees, and child care(1)</b>		2,080.565	2,080.565	2,080.565	8.9	0.0	0.0
<b>Other goods and services</b>		480.834	475.003	471.452	1.0	-2.0	-0.7
<b>Commodity and service group</b>							
<b>All items</b>		297.925	301.209	302.164	7.4	1.4	0.3
<b>Commodities</b>		205.130	207.749	209.458	11.4	2.1	0.8
<b>Commodities less food &amp; beverages</b>		156.057	158.618	160.431	15.3	2.8	1.1
<b>Nondurables less food &amp; beverages</b>		212.342	214.620	218.087	15.8	2.7	1.6
<b>Durables</b>		101.692	104.066	104.662	14.6	2.9	0.6
<b>Services</b>		379.713	383.558	383.772	5.3	1.1	0.1

## Special aggregate indexes

<b>All items less medical care</b>		288.165	291.214	291.852	7.5	1.3	0.2
<b>All items less shelter</b>		258.528	262.356	263.316	9.8	1.9	0.4
<b>Commodities less food</b>		160.987	163.729	165.550	14.7	2.8	1.1
<b>Nondurables</b>		257.565	259.920	262.283	10.6	1.8	0.9
<b>Nondurables less food</b>		218.394	221.071	224.443	14.7	2.8	1.5
<b>Services less rent of shelter<sup>(3)</sup></b>		379.432	386.007	385.112	7.7	1.5	-0.2
<b>Services less medical care services</b>		366.499	369.899	369.433	5.3	0.8	-0.1
<b>Energy</b>		358.625	368.430	367.030	25.7	2.3	-0.4
<b>All items less energy</b>		296.222	299.135	300.237	6.1	1.4	0.4
<b>All items less food and energy</b>		295.428	298.501	299.588	5.9	1.4	0.4

### Footnotes

(1) Indexes on a December 1977=100 base.

(2) This index series was calculated using a Laspeyres estimator. All other item stratum index series were calculated using a geometric means estimator.

(3) Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

(4) Special index based on a substantially smaller sample.

(5) Indexes on a December 1993=100 base.

(6) Indexes on a December 1997=100 base.

- Data not available

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.